

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.-62. (Canceled)

63. (Previously Presented) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 0.1 to 2 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,

wherein the content of an alkali metal atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

64. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

65. (Currently Amended) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the partially aromatic ~~polyester~~ polyamide is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

66. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

67. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the difference ( $A_t - A_0$ ) between the acetaldehyde content ( $A_t$ ) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content ( $A_0$ ) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

68. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

69. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less based on the total weight of the composition.

70. (Previously Presented) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 63.

71. (Previously Presented) The polyester packaging material of claim 70, wherein the packaging material is at least any one of blow-molded articles, sheet articles, and films.

72. (Previously Presented) A polyester composition comprising  
(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and  
(b) 0.1 to 2 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,  
wherein the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

73. (Currently Amended) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the partially aromatic ~~polyester~~ polyamide is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

74. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

75. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the difference ( $A_t - A_0$ ) between the acetaldehyde content ( $A_t$ ) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content ( $A_0$ ) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

76. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

77. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

78. (Previously Presented) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 72.

79. (Previously Presented) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester comprising a dicarboxylic acid component mainly comprising an aromatic dicarboxylic acid or an ester-forming derivative thereof and a glycol component mainly comprising ethylene glycol, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 0.01 to 2 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,

wherein the Color-L value of a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition at a molding temperature of 290°C is 80.0 or more and the haze thereof is 20% or less.

80. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the content of antimony atom is 200 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

81. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the content of an alkali metal atom is from 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition and the content of phosphorus atom is from 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition in the polyester composition.

82. (Currently Amended) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the partially aromatic ~~polyester~~ polyamide is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

83. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

84. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the difference ( $A_t - A_0$ ) between the acetaldehyde content ( $A_t$ ) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content ( $A_0$ ) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

85. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

86. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

87. (Previously Presented) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 79.

88. (Canceled)

89. (Previously Presented) A polyester composition comprising  
(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and  
(b) 0.1 to 2 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester of a partially aromatic polyamide,  
wherein  
the content of an alkali metal atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition,

the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition,

the content of antimony atom is 200 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition, and

the Color-L value of a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition at a molding temperature of 290°C is 80.0 or more and the haze thereof is 10% or less.